

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

5 **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A computer software element, operating in an environment of a computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, said computer system operating in CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, wherein
10 said CAPS LOCK mode causes typed alphabetic characters to be presented on-screen in capital letters, comprising:
 - (a) means to present a mouse pointer on a display screen of said computer, said mouse pointer indicating the position where mouse events will take place;
 - (b) means to present a said mouse pointer of one design when ~~the mouse position is over a region for user text input and~~ said computer system is not in said CAPS
15 LOCK mode; and
 - (c) means to present a said mouse pointer of a second design when ~~the mouse position is over a region for user text input and~~ said computer system is in said CAPS LOCK mode.
- 20 2. (previously presented) A computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said software element is an operating system.
3. (previously presented) A computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein said software element is an application program.
4. (previously presented) A computer software element, as recited in claim 1, wherein
25 said software element is an add-in module.

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5. (previously presented) A computer software element, operating in an environment of a computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, said computer system operating in CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, wherein said CAPS LOCK mode causes typed alphabetic characters to be presented on-screen in capital letters, comprising:
- 5 (a) means to present a text insertion cursor on a display screen of said computer, said text insertion cursor indicating the position where the next typed character will be presented;
- (b) means to present a text insertion cursor of one design when said computer system is not in said CAPS LOCK mode; and
- 10 (c) means to present a text insertion cursor of a second design when said computer system is in said CAPS LOCK mode.
6. (previously presented) A computer software element, as recited in claim 5, wherein said software element is an operating system.
- 15 7. (previously presented) A computer software element, as recited in claim 5, wherein said software element is an application program.
8. (previously presented) A computer software element, as recited in claim 5, wherein said software element is an add-in module.
9. (new) A method of operation of a computer software element in computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, and having a display screen, comprising the steps of:
- 20 (a) entering into CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, said CAPS LOCK mode causing alphabetic characters associated with typed alphabetic character keys to be presented on-screen in capital letters;

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- (b) presenting an on-screen mouse pointer of one design for indicating the location on the computer's display screen where mouse events will take place when not in said CAPS LOCK mode; and
- (c) presenting an on-screen mouse pointer of another design for indicating the location on the computer's display screen where mouse events will take place when in said CAPS LOCK mode.
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10. (new) A method of operation of a computer software element in computer system having a keyboard with a CAPS LOCK key, and having a display screen, comprising the steps of:
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- (a) entering into CAPS LOCK mode when said CAPS LOCK key is activated, said CAPS LOCK mode causing alphabetic characters associated with typed alphabetic character keys to be presented on-screen in capital letters;
- (b) presenting an on-screen text insertion cursor of one design when not in said CAPS LOCK mode, said text insertion cursor indicating the position where the next typed character will be presented; and
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- (c) presenting said on-screen text insertion cursor of another design when in said CAPS LOCK mode.